

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please add the following Abstract following the last page of the specification:

A circuit breaker and/or earthing switch are disclosed wherein a rotatable spindle nut, which is mounted in a spindle housing, displaces a spindle in a translatory manner, thus displacing contact elements of the switching device. The spindle actuates a contact pin that is configured in a contact carrier by a connection yoke that is common to all phases or poles and an isolating bar for each phase or pole.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A spindle drive for a switch disconnecter and/or grounding switch, in which a spindle nut (44) which is mounted in a spindle nut housing (6) such as it can rotate moves a spindle (40) translationally and during which process contact-making elements of the switching device can be moved translationally, characterized in that wherein the spindle (40) operates a contact pin (46), which is guided in a contact mount (5), via a connecting yoke (43), which is shared by all the phases and poles, and an isolation rod (45) for each phase and pole.

2. (Currently Amended) The spindle drive as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one guide bolt (22) is arranged parallel to the spindle (10) on the connecting yoke (13), and is guided in a linear guide (12).

3. (Currently Amended) The spindle drive as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the contact-making elements are arranged in a switching chamber housing (4), and both the spindle (10) and the guide bolt (22) pass through the housing wall of the switching chamber housing (4).

4. (Currently Amended) The spindle drive as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein covers (14) grip over the spindle (10) and the guide bolt (22), with an isolating gas (17), which is also used within the switching chamber housing (4), preferably being located within the covers.

5. (Currently Amended) The spindle drive as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein at least one guide bolt (22) acts on a position indication (8) for the position of the switching device.

6. (Currently Amended) The spindle drive as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the contact-making elements are arranged in a switching chamber housing (4), and the isolation rods (15) pass through the housing wall of the switching chamber housing.

7. (Currently Amended) The spindle drive as claimed in ~~one of claims 3 to 6,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 3, wherein the spindle nut housing (6) is attached to the  
housing wall of the switching chamber housing (4).

8, (Currently Amended) A modification of the spindle drive as claimed in claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ each pole has a separate associated spindle with a separate  
drive.

9. (Currently Amended) The spindle drive as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in~~  
~~that~~ wherein each drive has an autonomous associated actuation means.